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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Hon. R. A. Wise died suddenly at his home in Williamsburg, Va. —— Minister Conger has been instructed to sign the joint note of the Powers to the Chinese government. —— The Senate adjourned until January 3rd, 1901; no business was transacted at yesterday's session. ——Serious shooting affray in Wakula county, Fla.—— The river and harbor bill as completed by the House committee appropriates $140,000 for Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington. —— The Chinese Emperor, it is asserted, left Sian Fu December 19th bound for Pekin. —— The British government is rapidly dispatching mounted troops to South Africa. —— Schooner Jennie Hall wrecked off Cape Henry; captain and two men drowned. —— Martial law has been proclaimed in towns in Cape Colony. —— The mob at Gulf Port, Miss., lynched the wrong man. —— Dr. J. Allison Hodges elected president of the University College of Medicine, Richmond, Va. ---- Schooner N. H. Skinner, with lumber from Wilmington, N. C., wrecked on Delaware coast; the crew saved. —— A receiver has been appointed for the American National bank of Baltimore. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 4@5 per cent., the last loan being at 5 per cent.; cotton dull and irregular, middling uplands 10 5 16c; flour neglected and more or less nominal, closing steady; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 78½c; corn—spot easy, No. 2 46½c; oats—spot steady, No. 2 27½c; rosin quiet, strained common to good $1.75; spirits turpentine dull at 40½@41c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 41 degrees; 8 P. M., 37 degrees; maximum, 55 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .03; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.83 inches.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 4 feet and rising.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—For North Carolina: Fair and warmer Saturday and Sunday; winds shifting to fresh southeasterly.

Port Almanac---December 22.

Sun Rises	7.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.49 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 40 M.
High Water at Southport	8 02 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	10.32 P. M.

A London dispatch says DeWet is giving the English a good deal of trouble. And he knows how to do it.

It is said that the German Kaiser drinks nothing but Mexican coffee. Judging from some of his performances the impression prevailed that he sometimes indulged in something more exhilarating.

A Frenchmen has conceived an unique project. He proposes to publish a paper for sea-sick people. Imagine a sea-sick person reading a sea-sick paper, even in French.

Philadelphia is going to spend $5,000 celebrating the outgoing of this century and the incoming of the next, thus killing two birds with one stone. Philadelphia is bound to have some fun occasionally.

Senator Shoup, of Idaho, never sits with his back to the door, even when eating his meals in restaurants. Force of habit acquired in his younger days when he was preforming as an army scout among the red skins.

A New York court has decided that Limburger cheese is not in the eyes of the law a nuisance, and that it has rights that must be recognized by people who turn up their noses at it. Generally speaking, Limburger is strong enough to hold its own in court or out.

A writer in the Chattanooga *Times*, who has been toying with toy statistics, says the American people will spend $15,000,000 for toys for the coming Christmas, and that the total sales for the year will foot up over $20,000,000. The manufacturers begin a year ahead to load up to be prepared for the rush.

According to Statistician Mulhall the coal supply of the United States, at the present rate of consumption, is sufficient to last for 6,836 years, and even if we should become extravagent there is enough to last for 5,000 years. So there is no need of getting excited about it, although the coal barons have a pretty long pull.

A bull being led through a street in Phoenixville, Pa., saw his reflection in a plate-glass window of a store. Dispensing with preliminary demonstrations he squared himself, went for the window and brought up in the middle of the store. It hasn't been stated which were surprised the most, the bull at not finding that other bull in there, or the people in the store at finding this bull.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Hugh MacRae arrived last evening from New York.

— Miss Bettie Johnson arrived home yesterday from Waynesboro, Va.

— Miss Sarah Burkhead, of Raleigh, is the guest of Mrs. R. C. Merritt.

— Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Borden arrived last night from New York.

— Miss Sadie Sloan leaves for Garland this morning to spend the holidays.

— Capt. W. R. Kenan and family left yesterday afternoon via the S. A. L., for Macon, Ga.

— Hon. John D. Bellamy returned yesterday from Washington to spend the holidays.

— Mr. Herbert Smith, clerk of the Superior Court of Duplin county, was here yesterday.

— Rev. J. A. Smith, of Fair Bluff, was among last evening's arrivals at The Orton.

— Mr. A. E. Martin, of White Oak, was among the wholesale purchasers in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Edwin Bunting has accepted a clerkship in the insurance office of Mr. J. VanB. Metts.

— Mr. A. Cleves Symmes, of Cincinnatti, is spending the holidays in the city with Mr. Edwin Anderson McKoy.

— Mr. R. L. Williams arrived last evening to spend the Christmas holiday with his sisters, Misses Fannie and Martha Williams.

— Capt.. C. W. Durant, of Howell's Military Academy, left yesterday for his home at Lynchburg, S. C., to spend Christmas.

— Mr. Oscar Ellis, an old Wilmington boy, who spent the past year in New York, is here to spend the holidays with relatives.

— Mr. Marshall C. Guthrie, of Southport, passed through the city yesterday on his way home from the State University.

— Mr. I. W. Cooper, who has been very sick with fever at the City Hospital, is fast improving and hopes to be out again in a short time.

— Mr. J. H. Davis and family, formerly of Wilmington but now of Savannah, are expected to spend the Christmas holidays here with friends.

— Mr. and Mrs. R. S. French arrived yesterday from Richmond to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. French, Mr. French's parents.

— Miss Mary Culbreth came home yesterday from Littleton Female college to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Culbreth.

— Mr. B. W. Jones, a valuable employe of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city, has resigned his position and will leave this morning for his former home in Richmond, Va.

— Rev. R. B. John, the new presiding elder of Wilmington district, arrived yesterday from Newbern. He will preach to-day and to morrow at Zion church, Brunswick county, and at Bladen Street church Sunday night.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

W. B. Cooper—Liverpool salt.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Xmas presents.
Murchison National Bank—Statem't

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Impounded—Bay horse.
Navassa Guano Co.—Notice.

BROKE INTO SHOW WINDOW.

Unknown Party Stole Guns and Pistols from Jacobi Hardware Company.

On Thursday night one of the show windows of the Jacobi Hardware Company was broken by some unknown party, or parties, and several guns and pistols and other goods were stolen.

The plans for robbing the window were cleverly devised and showed much boldness to commit such a theft on Wilmington's principal street. The wire guards in front of the window were removed and a quantity of melted tar was spread over a section of glass, so that when it was broken there would be no noise. The robbery was not discovered until yesterday morning.

The River Steamboats.

The steamboats *Driver* and *Hurt* arrived very early yesterday morning from Fayetteville and cleared in the afternoon for the return trip. Both boats brought down large numbers of Christmas shoppers.

The steamer *Hawes* is still in port repairing her boiler, but expects to leave for a trip up the Cape Fear today.

To Be Married Monday.

Miss Maggie Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, of Bannerman, and Mr. R. G. Fennell, of Richmond, will be united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. They will leave for Richmond, their future home, on Wednesday.

School Entertainments in County.

A delightful Christmas entertainment will be given at the Delgado school next Wednesday. President E. C. Holt, of Delgado Mills, will give the school a Christmas tree. There will also be exercises at the Greenville Sound and the Middle Sound schools on Monday.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Creditable Christmas Exercises Observed Yesterday in Two of Them.

HOLIDAYS BEGIN AT NOON.

Miss Cook Was Presented With an Elegant Umbrella by Children of Higher Grades in Token of Their Love and Esteem for Her.

Christmas exercises were observed yesterday at the High School and the Union School and were witnessed by many visitors. The programmes at both schools were admirably rendered and reflect much credit on those who were instrumental in getting them up, as well as the participants themselves.

High School.

The following programme, which was carried out at the High School, was rendered by members of the Sophomore class:

Song, by class.
Reading, "Origin of Christmas," by Miss Mary Thompson.
Vocal Solo, "Grandma's Last Amen," by Master Will Gore.
Recitation, by Miss Emma Otersen.
Piano Solo, "A Polish Dance," by Miss Ethel Hopkins.
Reading, by Miss Margaret Ashe.
Vocal Solo, "Always," by Miss Sallie Forshee.
Reading, by Miss Ethel Sebrell.

Union School.

The programme rendered at the Union School was as follows:

Song, "Welcome Santa Claus," by school.
"Merry Christmas," acrostics, by fourteen little children.
Song, "Santa Claus is Coming," by second grade.
Cantata, "The Twentieth Century Santa Claus," by pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.
Song, "I Know There is Not a Boy or Girl Who Has Not Heard of Santa Claus," by school.

Every part of the programme was creditably rendered and much praise is due Misses Parsley and Struthers, under whose direction it was given. The cantata was thoroughly enjoyed and demonstrated the fact that the up-to-date Santa Claus, with his automobile, and dressed in the latest fashion, could not take the place of the Santa Claus of old.

Miss Mary Black, in behalf of the higher grades, presented Miss Nellie Cook, the supervising principal, with a handsome silver and pearl handled umbrella, in token of their love and esteem. Miss Cook acknowledged the gift in most grateful terms.

Similiar exercises to those held yesterday will be observed at the Hemenway School at noon to day. All the public schools will be dismissed at 12 o'clock to take holiday recess until Wednesday morning, the second day of the new year. The Fall session, which closes to day, has been very gratifying to the teachers and officers of the various schools and they all deserve a very merry Christmas for the excellent way in which their duties have been performed.

DR. WELLS AT STAUNTON.

Daily News Speaks Very Complimentarily of His Work in Virginia.

The Staunton, (Va.,) *Daily News* of a recent date says of Dr. Wells, who has been called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, this city:

"Dr. Wells has not made up his mind what action he will take. There are strong ties that bind him to the Second church, the congregation of which is devoted to him, as are the Presbyterians generally of this city and county and of the whole of Lexington Presbytery. He has done a good work for the Second church. Every interest of the church has prospered under his care, and should he leave the church, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that it has gone steadily forward under his pastorate."

"The church at Wilmington has a membership of 400, with a mission of 200, and is probably the most influential Presbyterian church in the State of North Carolina.

SAVANNAH TUG IN PORT.

A Splendid Tug in Charge of Wilmington Master Brought Barque Victor.

The tug *Wm. F. McCauley*, of Savannah, arrived in port at 7 o'clock last evening, towing the Norwegian barque *Victor*, Capt. Ostvik, from Savannah. The barque is consigned to Messrs. Heide & Co, and will probably load with naval stores.

The *McCauley* is a powerfel sea going tug of solid steel and has a nominal horse power of 300 and a net ton register of 74. She was built in Camden, N. J., in 1894, but now hails from Savannah and is decidedly the best craft of its kind that has visited the port in some time. She has a 90 foot length and 21 foot breadth and draws 11.2 feet of water. She is in charge of Capt. Thomas Jacobs, a former Wilmingtonian, who was pleasantly greeted by his friends here last night. The tug tied up at the *Wilmington's* wharf after releasing her tow.

Will Spend Christmas South.

On the train last night from the North over the Atlantic Coast Line, were two prominent parties from New York. Mr. Harry Walters, of the A. C. L., and Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and family, arrived in a private car and went through on a special to "Airlee," Mr. Jones' home on Wrightsville Sound. The others were, Mr. Thomas W. McIntyre and family and party, who took a special train to Verona, where they will spend the holidays.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The postponed meeting of the Carolina Central stockholders will be held on January 17th.

— The STAR returns thanks to the Home Brewing Company for a very handsome calendar for the coming year.

— Fred Bennett, colored, was yesterday sent to the county roads for thirty days by Mayor Waddell for drunkenness.

— The barge *Carrie L. Tyler*, in tow of the tug *Protector*, arrived in port yesterday from Charleston to the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company.

— The Tileston Athletic Association foot ball team will play the Fayetteville eleven in that city on Christmas day. All arrangements have been made.

— Rev. O. M. Sutton, the "divine healer," has just closed a series of revival services in the Gospel Tabernacle, Durham, and has gone to Danville, Va.

— The STAR learns that Mr. Justin M. Bunting will shortly engage in the real estate business for himself. He has been for some time with Mr. Andrew Smith.

— Capt. W. E. Ardrey, one of the most prominent and valued citizens of Mecklenburg, is critically ill with rheumatism of the heart and is not expected to live. Dr. L. L. Ardrey, of Burgaw, a son of Capt. Ardrey, has gone to his father's bedside.

The Fayetteville *Observer* of yesterday says that Lawyer A. S. Hall of that city has been engaged by ex Congressman Fowler to procure evidence in Cumberland county for his contest of the seat of Hon. Chas. R. Thomas in that district.

— Mr. J. C. Caddell, for ten years or more travelling representative of the *Biblical Recorder*, and who is known favorably to many Wilmington people, has severed his connection with that paper and will travel for the American Book Company.

— A telegram received yesterday stated that Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Hahira, Ga., was much worse. He is the father of Mrs. A. S. Holden, of this city; Mrs. W. H. Newell, of Norfolk, and Mrs. J. J. Clemmons, now of Florence, but recently of Wilmington.

— Foreman Louis Friemuth, of Hose Reel Company No. 1, is suffering much from the effects of a wound received at Wednesday night's fire, which consists of an ugly laceration as a result of a nail which pierced his rubber boot and went through the ball of his foot.

FOR LARCENY AT FLORENCE.

Negro Arrested Here for Robbing Store of Mr. J. F. Stackley.

Calvio Gregg, a colored "railroad negro," was arrested last night by Capt. of Police Furlong on the charge of the larceny of some shoes, pants, tobacco and other merchandise from the store of Mr. J. F. Stackley, at Florence, S. C., about a week ago.

The warrant for Gregg's arrest was sworn out by Luke Jones, also colored, who came from Florence, identified the negro and caused his arrest in order to relieve a friend, who is in jail at Florence charged with receiving the stolen goods. Gregg will be detained at the police station awaiting advices from Florence.

It is charged by Jones that the negro went into the store of Mr. Stackley and concealed himself until the store was closed. Then he emerged from his hiding place and proceeded with his burglary.

PENDER SUPERIOR COURT

Engaged With One of Many Railroad Cases. Recess for Christmas.

R. G. Grady, Esq., returned yesterday from Burgaw where he has been in attendance upon the special term of Pender Suprior Court. The first of the twenty-six cases against the W. & W. railroad company for damage to land by forest fires alleged to have originated from sparks from defendant company's locomotives, was begun this week and is still occupying the time of the session. The case is entitled Armstrong vs. W. & W. R. R. Co., and the amount of damage asked is $250. E. K. Bryan and J. T. Bland Esqs., appear for the plaintiff and Junis Davis and H. L. Stevens, Esqs., for the defendant.

The court will take a recess to-day until Thursday, Dec. 31st.

Dr. Wells Can't Come.

News was received in the city yesterday by Mr. C. H. Robinson, chairman of the pulpit committee of the First Presbyterian church, to the effect that the Rev. J. M. Wells, of Staunton, Va., could not visit Wilmington and preach to-morrow as was expected and as was announced in yesterday's STAR. Sickness in the family prevented Dr. Wells' coming, but it is hoped that he will be able to reach here and preach early in January. The services at the First church to morrow will be by Rev. J. W. Paxton.

Presented With Overcoat.

Prof. Washington Catlett was presented with a handsome mackintosh overcoat as a Christmas present by the boys in his school just before the school was closed yesterday for the holidays. Prof. Catlett acknowledged the gift in a few appropriate words, expressing his gratitude and saying that the exercises of the school would not be resumed until Wednesday morning, January 2nd.

CARS RAN INTO THE RIVER.

Freight Train Became Detached in Coast Line Yard and Four Freight Boxes Jumped Overboard.

Yesterday morning about three o'clock, a train of freight cars became detached in the A. C. L. freight yards and four loaded cars ran into the river just below the coal chute. Two of the cars were loaded with cotton and they floated down with the tide to the foot of Princess street, where they were stopped by running into several wood flats and the men on the flats made the cars fast with ropes. The other two cars were loaded with cotton and general merchandise, and rosin, respectively. The car loaded with rosin immediately sunk to the bottom and the other car lodged on top of it.

A prominent railroad official stated to a STAR reporter yesterday that it was just one of those accidents which some time happen on railroads. A train of thirty cars was standing between the Front and Fourth street bridges, with a shifting engine at the upper end. As the engine began to push the cars down in the yard, it was found that 28 of the cars had become detached from the other two cars and the engine, and were rolling on down the grade, gaining in velocity every second. An attempt was made to run them on the track leading around to the Carolina Central road, but it proved futile. All brakes were applied, but owing to a slippery track and the momentum of the heavy train, it was impossible to stop it and the front car struck the butting post and jumped over it into the river, quickly followed by three others. Nearly all the trucks were lodged against the post and did not go into the river.

A force of hands cleared away most of the wreck on the track yesterday. Capt. Edgar D. Williams was awarded the contract for pulling the other cars out of the river. The two cars which were tied at the Princess street dock were towed to the Coast Line wharf by the tug *Marion*.

GAME OF BASKET BALL

Played by Two Crack Teams in Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium Last Night.

The game of basket ball between the young mens and the business men's teams of the Y. M. C. A. last night resulted in a tie, the score standing 14 to 14. The game was played in the gymnasium and the gallery was filled with spectators, among them being members of the High School and Wilmington basket ball teams. The contest was very exciting and there were some good plays on both sides. As the score was a tie at the end of the second half, five minutes longer was played in order to break the tie if possible, but at the expiration of the time there was no change in the score.

The teams lined up as follows:

Business men's team—Captain and centre, Mr. N. N. Davis; forwards, Messrs. Turner and Boney; guards, Messrs. Dudley and Page.

Young men's team—Captain and centre, Wilbur Dosher; forwards, Messrs. N. Sweeney and Frank Irving; guards, Messrs. Albert Dosher and Love Davis.

Referee, Dr. N. M. Wetzel; umpire, Mr. F. D. Irving; time-keeper, Mr. Edwin Davis; time of halves, fifteen minutes each.

MARRIAGE OF MR. FREDERICKS.

Former Wilmingtonian Married Wednesday Evening at Salisbury.

The Salisbury *Sun*, of Thursday, contains the follwing announcement of the marriage of Miss Swicegood, of that city, to Mr. Claude Fredericks, of Wilmington:

At the First Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock last night Miss Sallie Swicegood became the bride of Mr. Claude Frederick. Rev. H. L. Atkins officiated; Mrs. D. M. Miller presided at the organ.

The bride and maid of honor, her sister, Miss Willie Swicegood, were preceded to the altar by Messrs. H. T. Simpson and Charlie Shaver. The groom, with the best man, Mr. W. R. Cox, entered from a side door and met the bride at the altar. The church had been tastefully decorated. The bride wore a pretty "go-away gown" of brown cloth and never looked sweeter. After the ceremony the couple left for Wilmington, the groom's home."

Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks are now visiting at the home of Mr. Fredericks' mother, Mrs. J. Fredericks, No. 114 North Second street.

At the Theatre Last Night.

This week's theatrical attractions closed last night with Terry McGovern in the "Bowery After Dark." The play was decidedly poor and showed that either the actors or the author of the piece were from the Bowery. McGovern was the drawing card and but for him and his personalty the appearance of the "Bowery After Dark" would be inexcusable. The play was produced with rather elaborate scenic effect, which, however, were lost in conjunction with the play itself. The audience was small and composed entirely of men.

Mr. S. S. Batchelor Married.

The many friends in Wilmington of Mr. Starke S. Batchelor, who once resided here and who has visited the city often since his return to Raleigh, will be interested in the following announcement taken from yesterday's Fayetteville *Observer:*

"At Philadelphia yesterday Miss Lula Furnell, eldest daughter of Judge Furnell, was married to Mr. Starke S. Batchelor, of Raleigh, and well-known in Fayetteville. The bride is an invalid and has for several weeks been in a hospital, to which a trained nurse accompanied her. The marriage took place in the hospital."

CELEBRATED THEIR CHINA WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hansen Entertained Their Friends in Splendid Manner.

Surrounded by many relatives and friends at their residence on Nun street last night, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Hansen celebrated their china wedding in a most sumptuous manner. From 8 o'clock in the evening until midnight, the gaiety progressed, while the genuine hospitality so characteristic of the couple was being conceivably appreciated by those gathered in their prettily decorated home; ivy, ferns and other potted plants and flowers being conspicuously in evidence in the decorations. Several vocal selections were rendered during the evening by Misses Annie Adrian, Elsie Ortmann, Messrs. F. W. Ortmann, Jr., Charles Schulken and Carl Rehder with Mrs. E Schulken as piano accompanist.

Among the guests present were Rev. Dr. Voigt, pastor of Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, and their son, Mr. Henry Hansen, who has just returned from Roanoke College to spend the holidays at home.

Many costly and beautiful presents were received, attesting the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Hansen are held by their numerous friends.

The STAR congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Hansen and wishes them much prosperity and continued happy union.

BUIE'S CREEK ACADEMY BURNED.

Main Building and Residence of Professor Went Up in Smoke.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

DUNN, N. C., December 20.—The main building of Buie's Creek Academy and the residence of Prof. L. C. Ogburn and a smaller building, all located in Harnett county, N. C., about ten miles west of Dunn, N. C., were burned last night. It is generally believed that the fire was the work of a villianous negro, though as yet there is no proof of his guilt. The Buie's Creek school was under the control of Rev. J. A. Campbell, and as a preparatory school it stood without a superior in the State. It is a great loss to the principal, as it also is to the country at large. The school will be rebuilt at once.

Home From College.

Among the young ladies and gentlemen returning from college yesterday were Misses Lucy Baldwin and May Belle Sneed, from the Baptist Female University, Raleigh; Olivia Sutton and Hasell Love, from the State Normal School, Raleigh; Messrs. Markley Croswell, W. A. Dunn and Speares Hicks, from Virginia Polytechic Intitute, Blacksburg; T. D. Meares, Jr., L. P. Davis, P. M. Holmes, Waddell Watters and Irvin Bear, from Horners.

A Horse by Express.

The large "dummy" horse which was used so long by Mr. H. L. Fennell at his buggy and harness store on Front street was yesterday sold by Marsden Bellamy, Esq., trustee, to the Futrell Hardy Hardware Company, of Scotland Neck, N. C, and will be sent there this morning by express. The horse is life size and will be rather an unusual sight for express messengers into whose hands it will fall.

Church Notices.

Rev. L. B. Boney will preach at Delgado Mills sunday night.

Bladen Street Methodist Church: Rev. J. J. Porter will preach at 11 A. M., and at the evening service.

Rev. P. C. Morton will preach at Delgado Mills Sunday morning at usual hour, and at 3.30 in the afternoon.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

First Presbyterian Church: Divine service at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday School, 3.30 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited.

Southside Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. B. H. Herring, pastor. Services 11 o'clock A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting service every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

First Baptist Church, corner of Market and Fifth streets, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor; 11 A. M., "Christ's Gifts—not as the world giveth give I unto you." 7.30 P. M., "The Two Advents—or Christ's First and Second Coming."

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure pastor. Sabbath services at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. At the evening service the pastor will preach special sermon on "Christ and Little Children." The public cordially invited.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets. Rev. J. J. Payseur, pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 4.00 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Fifth Street Methodist Church, situated on Fifth street between Nun and Church, Rev. John H. Hall, pastor. Services on Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday School Sunday afternoon at 3.00 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Grace M. E. Church, corner of Grace and Fourth streets. Pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole. Services Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Sunday School, W. B. Cooper, supt., 3.30 p. m Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. Visitors to the city especially invited. Seats free.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Don't Be A Fool.

Go to R. R. Bellamy's and get a bottle of Goose Grease Liniment. It cures croup and coughs like magic, and all pains.
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1,180 Bags Liverpool Salt.
463 Bags American Salt.
110 Bags 100 lb Table Salt.
48 Bags 200 lb Table Salt.
18 Bags Ice Cream Salt.
316 Bags Shot.
498 Kegs Nails.
340 Bags Wheat Bran.
420 Bales No. 1 Hay.
760 Bushels Best Corn.
210 Bushels Va. Meal.
98 Bags Kiln Dried Grits.

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Nos. 310 and 312 Nun street, Wilmington, N. C.

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Statement of Condition of
The Murchison National Bank,
Of Wilmington, North Carolina.
At the close of business December 13, 1900. (Began business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$365,750 56
Stocks and Bonds	1,045 00
U. S Bonds	197,100 00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	5,900 00
Five per cent. redemption fund	7,150 00
Revenue Stamps	453 02
Office Furniture	750 00
Cash on hand and in banks	234,753 11
Total	$813,091 67

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$200,000 00
Profits less expenses	34 921 46
Circulation	146 650 00
Deposits	431,120 21
Total	$813,091 67

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We can't bake your cake, but can furnish the best of everything to go in it.
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One of our $10 00 Couches is about the most luxurious thing made. They are made in the best manner—Deep tufted with full spring edge covered in Velvet Corduroy, Look handsome and are very restful.
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Christmas is less than five weeks off,
to say nothing of intervening holidays. Whether one's list of gifts for the holidays be long or short, time and consideration are needed for proper selection. Our patrons are reminded of the near approach of Christmas and of the facilities NOW OFFERED for the deliberate examination of our stock.
It is a pleasure to choose from a stock like ours,
because it contains everything that is new and unique in Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Toilet Sets, Salad Sets, Lamps, Jardiniers, Fern Dishes, Vases, etc., to say nothing of our very pretty pieces in Libbey's Cut Glass.
Will you let us Fill that order?
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Here and arriving daily.
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PRICES TO AMAZE YOU.
Douglas's and Duttenhofer's still hold places in public favor. We defy competition in prices. We are here to stay, and respectfully ask for a liberal share of your valued patronage.
See our Shoes, as well as all other goods before buying elsewhere.
Respectfully,
MERCER & EVANS COMPANY,
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Fox River Butter Co.'s brand
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"JERSEY,"
Are of the highest quality made. Selling them only you increase your business. We have a large stock for the holidays. Prices low.
The best box of Cigars are
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The best known and largest used, and far superior in quality to many. No need to feel ashamed to make a friend a present on Xmas—it's the proper thing. Sold by grocers, druggists and saloons.
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The Morning Star

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 22.

BREAKERS AHEAD.

For the past four or five years we have heard a great deal about "McKinley prosperity." During the campaign in 1896 Wm. McKinley was the "advance agent of prosperity" and after he was elected it was all "McKinley prosperity." The talkers of this kind of stuff succeeded in making a good many people believe that the prosperity which came about the time of McKinley's election and followed it, was the result of his election, being utterly oblivious of the fact that there was an industrial and business revival all over the civilized world. There isn't a nation in Europe or a country on either of the American continents that didn't participate in it more or less.

The fact is the nations of the earth are drawn so closely together now by steam, electricity, &c., that the prosperity of one is more or less shared by the others and the adversity of one more or less felt by the others. As an illustration: The disturbances in China have been an obstacle in the way of commerce with that country, and have cut down the demand for the goods bought from other countries, English and American cotton manufacturers who made special lines of goods for Chinese customers, suffer in consequence and suffer seriously. The war in South Africa has put a stop to the gold mining industry in that country and not only the English and other owners of the mines suffer, but thousands of employed workmen, and the men who supplied the mines with the machinery and implements they used, most of which went from England. These are illustrations in a small way which might be added to indefinitely.

The depression that prostrated the industries of this country in 1893 didn't start in this country but in England. It soon made itself felt in this and in other countries. England is this country's best customer and when she suffers this country must suffer with her, because if her ability to buy is reduced the ability to sell of this country is reduced in proportion. This is more or less true of all countries with which we have commercial relations, and therefore one of the conditions of prosperity, permanent prosperity, is world-wide prosperity, the capacity of the world to buy the products we have to sell, and our capacity to take such of their products as we need. Rapid communication and transportation have practically made the world so much smaller that the industrial and commercial pulsations of one are speedily felt by all, not to the same extent, perhaps, for conditions differ, but they are felt, all the same.

The revival from the industrial depression, which they called the McKinley "wave of prosperity," was not and could not be confined to this country. It was world-wide. The world was hungry for the many things of which it had been deprived during the depression, and with the good crops in this country and the demand for food stuffs in other countries money which had been locked up was turned loose and the trade revival began. It began with us and extended to other countries. Enterprise hustled to be at the front and reap the benefit of the revival, and manufacturing began again on a large scale to meet the prospective demand for goods. This put the idle to work, made them wage earners and buyers and thus it went on all around the circle, and the revival which started on this side of the ocean became universal.

So it is. Prosperity and adversity are reciprocal. No one great nation can have one or the other without other nations being affected more or less, in accordance with the relations and that nation's industrial or commercial status and importance.

These facts make the outlook for other industrial and commercial countries interesting to us and therefore there may be food for thought in the following, from the report of our Consul at Frankfort, sent to the Department of State, in the latter end of last August, indicating breakers ahead in Europe. Among other things he says:

"The wave of industrial prosperity in Europe, which has steadily risen since 1896, has taken a turn and begun to recede. All signs point toward a crisis in industrial and financial lines which may occur before two years have passed. Any political disturbance of note may bring on the crisis now and at any moment."

Coal mining is still 'booming,' as the supply is not equal to the demand. The iron and steel works, including the manufacture of many lines of machinery and steel plates for war ships, have orders which it will take some months to fill, but factories making small ironwares, nails, needles, bicycles, sewing machines, etc. are curtailing production and reducing working forces and wage scales.

"There are doubts if the immensely capitalized electrical works of Germany and other countries can keep fully employed after present contracts are filled. This line of industry, which in Germany alone represents an investment of nearly $300,000,000, has been largely instrumental in creating the present boom.

"Failures have already begun in the building trade, which in the large cities has been of a speculative nature and rested mainly on borrowed capital. Rents for business houses and dwellings have advanced, but will topple upon the first beginning of a business crisis.

"Ship owners are still jubilant, owing to the phenomenal advance in ocean transportation rates which was brought about by the South African war and the present troubles in China.

The German papers speak in alarming tones of the sad position of the textile industry, where stoppages of factories are the order of the day. Late statistics of the Gera district show 6,022 looms idle, out of a total of 11,829. The weavers still employed there earn but 8 to 10 marks ($1 90 to $2 38) per week. This wretched wage which is to support a family is next to a starvation rate, especially as fuel and provisions have advanced in price and the poor operative must pay government tax and school rate besides.

The stock market is the delicate seismometer which denotes the coming upheaval. Shares of industrial companies have already commenced to decline, though the reports of their operations promise for this year large dividends. The high interest rates which have ruled for money this year and the high taxes which capitalists and business interests must pay in Germany have also tended to affect the boom

He is not alone in these views for other consuls speak much in the same strain. But there is more than their testimony that points to trouble present on prospective, British and German manufacturers who are beginning to feel the effects of the decreasing demand for their manufactures are complaining at American competition which is taking trade away from them at their own doors and elsewhere in their own fields. In England they have been discussing ways to prevent this and some have gone so far as to suggest a protective tariff on imported manufactures. In Germany some of the manufacturers have imported American machinery, while the shoemakers are urging the Government to impose a duty on American shoes to keep them out of the German market, thus taking the cue from our protective tariff. This is all evidence of unrest among the English and German manufacturers, and that they are not now as prosperous as they were some time back, which is to that extent a corroboration of the views of our consuls.

How does this interest us? This way. If there be industrial collapse over there we must feel it here, and Mr. McKinley's second term may end under a cloud as Mr. Cleveland's second term did and the Republican party go out of power with McKinley as the Democratic party went out with Cleveland.

UTILIZING THE PRISONERS.

The scheme of building and improving the public roads, with the labor of prisoners from the county jail, has proved so satisfactory in Oneida county, N. Y., that other counties will adopt it. Thus working the prisoners, where it is practicable, is altogether preferable to keeping them locked up in prison when the county is put to the expense of providing for them without getting anything in return. To be thus employed is better for the able-bodied prisoners, too, the presumption being, of course, that they will be humanely treated. Prisons in these days, except in the case of desperate characters, who must be confined for the safety of society, are relics of barbarism, which necessitate the punishment of the community to punish the culprit. If the object of thus punishing criminals be to deter others from crime, the object lesson would have more effect by keeping the culprit in the public eye, better than locking him up where he is seen only by those who visit the place of imprisonment, from which the criminal generally comes out worse than he went in.

Whether working on the roads would have a better reformatory influence may be questioned, but there is one thing certain, it would be better in many ways for the prisoners, and decidedly better for the community, which would be re-imbursed for the expense of feeding and caring for the prisoners, and re-imbursed in a way that would benefit the whole community much more than the expense incurred.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard street, Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"it soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles 10c. at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Every bottle guaranteed. †

CASTORIA.

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THE CHINESE PUZZLE.

He will be a sorely puzzled mortal who reads the daily dispatches from China and tries to make anything out of them. One day the allied powers have everything fixed in good shape, the next day some of them finds a flaw, there is another hitch, there must be more palavering to reach another agreement, which winds up in a disagreement, and thus it goes. If the allies agreed to choose an umpire, turn the business over to him and Li Hung Chang and pledge themselves to stand by the settlement, the puzzle might be soon solved, but there is little probability of an early solution, for the allies cannot agree among themselves, and they don't seem to think that China is in it or has anything to say about it.

Elated at their success in getting into Pekin, they, with the exception of this country and Japan, have become arrogant and exacting and make terms that China would never listen to if her people had not become thoroughly unnerved and demoralized. But there is danger in all this delay in coming to a settlement, for China is a large country, with an immense population, and if they come to the conclusion that it is the purpose of the allies to grind them down their manhood may assert itself and then there would be trouble. There are parts of China in which doubtless the late disturbances have not yet been heard of, and others where they believe the allies have been routed, and the Chinese on top. If they determine to fight they can keep up the war for years and give the allies all they can attend to, and therefore common sense would suggest the earliest possible settlement.

THE AMENDED TREATY.

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty as amended by the Senate does not differ materially from the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which it is to take the place of if ratified by England. The amendment stipulates that this Government shall have the right to protect itself and the canal with its own forces, a right which should logically go with proprietorship or large invested interest. The right to control even within stated limitations implies the right to protect, and we suppose the object of the amendment was to make this clear and less liable to dispute.

There was a good deal of talk about fortifying when the treaty was under discussion, but the provision stipulating that no fortifications shall be built stands. But as the Davis amendment provides that this Government may take all necessary steps to protect itself and the canal, it is contended by some that if it be deemed necessary to erect fortifications this Government could do it under that clause, so that the exact construction of the treaty as amended may still be in doubt and this may prove a cause of future misunderstanding. It is somewhat remarkable that with all their supposed ability statesmen cannot frame documents that say precisely what they mean and that average intelligence can understand.

What view will be taken in England of the amended treaty remains to be seen, but if no more importance be attached to the construction of the canal than some of the London papers say, England need not be much concerned about the phraseology of the treaty, or whether there be any treaty at all.

This diamond ring business is becoming too promiscuous. Besides finding them in hogs they are also finding them in canned fish. A young woman in Pennsylvania thus found one the other day, put it up at auction among her friends, knocked it down to a $250 bidder, then took the cars for Philadelphia and invested the money in a stack of Christmas presents for the poor people of her town. That's a nice fish story, and she was a nice girl. But if the farmers and fishermen don't want to lose their diamond rings they must be more careful with them.

A wealthy widower in Pennsylvania, aged 80, has just married a 40-year-old girl. He was lonesome and wanted some one to help him enjoy his wealth.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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It rests a tired digestion; it does not tax the stomach at all; it lets it play—little stomachs like to play.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like.
SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl street, New York.

The spider is not highly appreciated in this country, but in England he has a commercial value. Many are bought by liquor dealers who pay from fifty to seventy-five cents a hundred for them. They put them in cellars where they store these bottled liquors. Their spiders soon weave webs about these which gives them an aged appearance and brings a higher price.

Ambassador Choate, is satisfied with his experience in England and will throw up his job. The pay is too small and his purse is not stalwart enough to stand the pull on it.

TWINKLINGS.

—"If any man doubts that all men are liars," said the aged pessimist, "let him walk through the beautiful cemetery and read the poetry."

—"Yes, he told me he' let loose the dogs of war." "I don't care nothin' about the dogs of war, as long as he don't let loose that brindle pup of his'n."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Sticking to His Penchant—"What's become of that boy who had such talent for machinery?" "He was arrested the other day for running a divorce mill."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— First Enthusiastic Golfer—"I say, will you play another round with me on Thursday?" Second Enthusiastic Golfer—"Well, I'm booked to be married on that day—but it can be postponed!"—*Punch.*

— Robbery—Citizen—"My house at No. 4, 916,701 Uneasy street was robbed last night." Police Captain (to clerk)—Mr. Smith, please look in your books and see if a permit was issued to anybody to rob the premises at No. 4, 916,718 Uneasy street last night.

— "Why are you going to move?" asked the friend from a distance. "Oh, this is such a disgustingly poor neighborhood that we simply have to," was the reply. "Why, we haven't found a soul with a telephone we can run in and use or a bicycle we can borrow."—*Chicago Post.*

— Sunday school teacher: "Where did the three wise men come from?" Phil Adelphy (whose family has only recently moved to Chicago)—"They came from the east." "Sunday school teacher—"and why were they called 'wise men?'" Phil Adelphy—"Because, ma'am, they went back home again."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "I really believe," exclaimed Mrs. Cumrox, "that I am insulted!" "What has hap ened!" "I heard that most people of social position had genealogical trees. So I sent to an expert, had one made and handsomely framed." "Has any one ventured comment?" "Not verbally. But when it got here by express it was marked in large letters, 'fragile; handle with care."—*Washington Star.*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Red Springs *Record*: Mr. C. P. Gibson, aged 65 years, died at his home in this place Sunday morning.

— Washington *Progress*: The State has chartered the Washington Knitting Mill. Capital, $8,000. We learn that it will son be enlarged.

— Monroe *Enquirer*: Mr. Joseph A Helms, who farms on Mr. A. C. Johnson's place, east of town, raised 2 539 pounds of seed cotton on one and a half acres of land this year.

— Danbury *Reporter*: We have never known so many farmers to express themselves as disgusted with raising tobacco as have none so this season. From present appearances not more than three fourths of her usual quota will Stokes furnish next year.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Mr. Thomas Monroe, a well-known citizen of 71st, died at his home in Longstreet Thursday night of paralysis. He was striken down Saturday while walking in his field, and was later found where he fell by his wife. — Ruie's Creek Academy and three private dwellings, situated about 12 miles west of Dunn were destoryed by fire Thursday morning about 2 o'clock. This school numbered about three hundred pupils, and was one of the most prosperous institutions of the kind east of Raleigh.

— Raleigh *Post*: Incendiaries committed three dastardly deeds at Buie's Creek Academy, Harnett county, Wednesday night. At 8 o'clock a dwelling owned by J. Mc Kay Byrd was discovered on fire and was destroyed, and the citizens, not suspecting that it was done by a felon, retired early. But at 1 o'clock the work was taken up again and a $2,000 dwelling house belonging to Professor Ogburn was destroyed, the professor making a narrow escape. At 4 o'clock the academy, worth $5,000, was destroyed by fire also. The parties are unknown, but are supposed to be Harnett county negroes.

— Scotland Neck *Commonwealth*: Mr. George Ransom, son of ex-Senator Ransom, while at the cotton gin on one of his plantations in Northampton county, a few days ago, was caught in the belting and quite painfully injured. One arm was broken and the flesh terribly lacerated. Medical aid was summoned and the arm was set and he was rendered as comfortable as possible and is now getting along well. — A subscriber to the *Commonwealth* says that partridges do not lay on Sundays. He says he has reached this conclusion from observations made both when he was a boy and since he became a man. This is something not generally known, and no doubt some will have fun at the expense of our subscriber's observations, but nevertheless he says it is true.

CURRENT COMMENT.

— The cavalier treatment to which the burghers still under arms are subjecting Lord Kitchener is deplorable. The people of England are clamoring for a victim, and they may yet conclude that the hero of Omdurman is the most suitable scapegoat on whom to visit the sins of the whole incompetent military organization of the country. —*Philadelphia Telegraph, Rep.*

— Ex-President Harrison's address to the students at Ann Arbor might have been appropriately incorporated in the argument before the United States Supreme Court in support of the contention that the authority of the Constitution is paramount wherever the flag flies over territory belonging to the United States.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

— Fault seems to be found with General Maximo Gomez because he wants to be the first President of the Cuban Republic; and with leading men in Cuba, because they favor Gomez's ambition. But, is it not an honorable ambition; and what business is it of ours, anyhow, unless we have determined to annex Cuba? —*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

DOCTORS' BIG FEES.

One Who Got $4,000 For Prescribing a Good Dinner.

The doctor and some of the reporters were talking in the little room opposite the telephone office down at Bellevue hospital.

"I see by the papers," said the doctor, mentioning the story of a large bill reported to have been sent in by a surgeon of the city, "that this doctor didn't feel satisfied with $4,000. He thought he ought to have $4,600. That's a rather fine distinction perhaps, but it all depends on the sort of a case which the surgeon treated. A man with his skill and his standing can charge almost anything he pleases.

"The way in which some physicians earn large fees is curious. I recall one case of the sort—or at least a story of a case, for I won't vouch for the truth of it all. A man had been suffering for some time with gastritis and had been treated for more than a year by several physicians. The usual treatment is to put the patient on a milk diet. That usually does the work, but this man kept growing worse. He finally summoned Dr. B., one of the best known physicians in the city. When Dr. B. learned the history of the case, he took one long look at the man's face and reached for his hat.

"'I need time to think this over,' he said. 'You meet me tomorrow at Delmonico's, and I'll prescribe treatment of some sort for you.'

"The patient appeared at the time the doctor had set.

"'Come in and sit down,' said the physician. 'I can talk to you while I am eating my dinner.'

"Then the physician said something in a low tone, and when the waiter came back he brought two orders of oysters. The patient looked surprised.

"'Now,' said the doctor, 'you just fall to and eat a good meal. That's all you want.'

"It turned out that the doctor was right. The man, who had been nearly dead, was soon in good health. Then the physician sent in his bill. It was for $4,000. When the man received it, he hurried around to the doctor's office.

"'By thunder,' said the man, 'do you think I'm made of money? I can pay it all right, but now, honestly, doctor, don't you think it's pretty large?'

"'No,' replied the physician. 'Your life is worth more than $4,000, isn't it? Well, I saved your life. I can't see that I'm asking too much.'

"The man sent around his check the next day."—New York Sun.

BORROWED ON HIS SALARY.

The Difference Between Getting Into and Getting Out of Debt.

"Apropos of borrowing money on one's salary," said a prominent merchant of this city, talking of that peculiar phase of the loan business, "I am reminded of a curious case that came under my observation not long ago. A young man employed on the clerical staff of a large concern here was given a tip on a 'good thing' in cotton. It came to him in such a way that he felt absolutely certain of cleaning up a nice little sum of money, and as he had no funds of his own just then he took the liberty of borrowing $250 from the house. In plain English he stole $250 from the firm's current cash, and when he lost, as he did, he found himself in the deuce of a fix.

"However, he was able to carry things over without detection for a few days and in the meantime succeeded in getting a loan of the necessary sum from a private money shark. The loan was for six months, and he agreed to pay 15 per cent a month, or $475 altogether. That was pretty steep, of course, but I have known a dozen cases of extortion almost as bad.

"At the expiration of the six months the young man paid the $225 interest and hustled up another $250 loan to lift the principal. On that second loan I think he paid 10 per cent a month. At any rate he kept on borrowing from Peter to pay Paul for nearly three years—to be exact, 34 months—at the end of which time he had actually paid more than $1,250 interest and still owed the original debt. He had a growing family on his hands and in spite of all his squeezing and scraping was never able to get rid of the load.

"During the last year he had fallen into the hands of a salary shaver, and eventually he was prevented by sickness from making a payment, and one of his orders was presented to his employer. Upon that he made a clean breast of the whole transaction, and his boss, instead of discharging him, took up the debt and is letting him pay it off a little at a time. This is an absolutely true story and shows what can happen to a fellow when he gets in the lion's paws."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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ROSIN—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.30 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin firm at $1.10@1.15; tar quiet at $1.25; crude turpentine firm at $1.50 @2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	46
Rosin	300
Tar	903
Crude turpentine	169

Receipts same day last year.—108 casks spirits turpentine, 341 bbls rosin, 953 bbls tar, 41 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 9¾c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 15-16 cts ₱ lb
Good ordinary	8 5 16 " "
Low middling	8 15-16 " "
Middling	9¾ " "
Good middling	9 11 16 " "

Same day last year middling steady at 7c.

Receipts—637 bales; same day last year, 1,913.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c.

CORN—Firm; 58 to 60 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 13 to 15c per pound; shoulders, 10 to 11c; sides, 8 to 9c.

EGGS—Firm at 20 cents per dozen.

CHICKENS—Very dull. Grown, 20@22½ cents; springs, 10@15 cents.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25 cents.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½ cents per pound.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 8c; dressed, 9 to 11c.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 40 to 45c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Money on call steady at 4@5 per cent., last loan being at 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484½ for demand and 480¼@480⅝ for 60 days. Posted rates were 481½ and 485½. Commercial bills 479¼@480¼. Silver certificates 64@65. Bar silver 63¼. Mexican dollars 50. Government bonds irregular. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refund'g 2's reg'd, 105; U. S. refund'g 2's, coupon, 105½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, —; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 110; do. coupon, 110; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 138¼; do. coupon, 138¼; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 115; do. coupon, 116; U. S. 5's, reg'd 113½; do. coupon, 113½; Southern Railway 5's 114. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 80½; Chesapeake & Ohio 41½; Manhattan L 112¼; N. Y. Central 142½; Reading 24¾; do. 1st pref'd 68¾; St. Paul, 134½; do. pref'd, 181½; Southern Railway 21¾; pref'd 71½; American Tobacco, 111¾; do. pref'd 135; People's Gas 99¾; Sugar 135½; do. pref'd 116; T. C. & Iron 62¾; U. S. Leather 13⅝; do. preferred 74¾; Western Union 83¾. Standard Oil 818@821.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Rosin quiet. Strained common to good $1 75 Spirits turpentine dull at 40¾@41c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 21.—Spirits turpentine firm at 36½c; sales — casks Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 21.—Spirits turpentine firm at 37c; sales 447 casks; receipts 557 casks; exports 211 casks. Rosin quiet as to pales, with W W 10c off, and firm as to other grades; sales 3,047 barrels; receipts 3,393 barrels; exports 100 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 21.—To day's events on the Cotton Exchange were interesting, with developments in connection with the settlement of December short accounts exciting at times. There was no indication during the forenoon of any movement to squeeze December shorts and not until nearly mid afternoon did the storm breck which carried December with a rush to 10 25, as against last night's closing of 9.83. On the opening the market was quiet and firm, with prices unchanged to five points higher. Bullish cables from Liverpool and Manchester, together with smaller port and interior receipts than expected, were responsible for the rise and a subsequent further gain of two to three points. Profit taking set in and before the first half hour had elapsed prices fell sharply eight to ten points. Room covering checked the decline. Southern information was firm without indicating special new features. It would be a difficult matter to determine just who started the buying in December, but almost before the pit was aware of it, that option was soaring upward rapidly with shorts in a panic. Offerings appeared to have been entirely with drawn and not until 10;25 was reached could holders be induced to sell sufficient cotton to abate the alarm of over sold room operators. Talk of 10¼ for December before delivery day helped to intensify the excitement. The fact that spot cotton was advanced a quarter only increased the belief that there was no help for shorts in the event of holders deciding to squeeze them. At the close the market was barely steady with prices net twenty two points higher to five points lower.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton dull and irregular; middling uplands 10 5-16c.

Cotton futures closed barely steady: December 10.05, January 9.63, February 9.44, March 9.42, April 9 37, May 9 35, June 9 32, July 9.28, August 9 04, September 8.42, October 8.03.

Spot cotton closed dull and irregular at ¼c advance; middling uplands 10 5-16c; middling gulf 10 9-16c; sales 170 bales.

Net receipts 1,594 bales; gross receipts 5,022 bales; exports to France 388 bales; stock 88,893 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 45,917 bales; exports to Great Britain 6,071 bales; exports to France 19,520 bales; exports to the Continent 68,495 bales; stock 986,578 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 265,959 bales; exports to Great Britain 60,160 bales; exports to France 19,520 bales; exports to the Continent 68,495 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,227,766 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,530,478 bales; exports to France 331,638 bales; exports to the Continent 1,069,030 bales.

December 21.—Galveston, steady at 9 7 16, net receipts 13,175 bales; Norfolk, steady at 9 7 16c, net receipts 1,737 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 10c, net receipts 2,467 bales; Boston, dull at 10 1 16c, net receipts 702 bales; Wilmington, firm at 9¾, net receipts 673 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 10 9 16c, net receipts 85 bales; Savannah, steady at 9 5 16c, net receipts 4,634 bales; New Orleans, firm at 9 7 16c, net receipts 6,446 bales; Mobile, quiet at 9 3-16c, net receipts 769 bales; Memphis, firm at 9 9 16, net receipts 3,400 bales; Augusta, firm at 9¾c, net receipts 1,209 bales; Charleston, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 1,699 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Flour was neglected and more or less nominal, closing steady. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 78¼c. f. o. b. afloat. Options, after a steady opening on English cables, reflected subsequent depression under weak French markets and closed quiet. Sales included: March closed 79½c; May closed 79c; December closed 77c. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 46½c at elevator. Options had a steady opening on small receipts, but later yielded easily to cables, estimates for large receipts and disappointing export demand, closed easy at ¼@⅜c net decline. January closed 43¾c; May closed 41⅜; December closed —c. Oats Spot steady; No. 2 27¾c. Options steady but inactive. Pork steady; family $14 50@15 00; short clear $14 00@17 00; mess $12 00@13 00. Lard nominal; refined easier; compound 5⅝@6c. Potatoes quiet. Rice firm. Butter steady; Western creamery 17@25c; State dairy 16@23; factory 11½@16c. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania 24@26c at mark, for average lots; Western regular packing 20@23½c. Cheese strong; fancy large, fall made 11¼@11½c; small fancy, fall made 11¾@12c. Molasses steady. Tallow firm. Cabbage [illegible]. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 17c. Petroleum dull. Cotton seed oil was practically higher on prompt oil and generally steady in tone with less pressure to sell. Quotations: Prime crude in barrels, 27c; prime summer yellow 29½@30c; off summer yellow 29c; prime white 34@35c; prime winter yellow 36@37; prime meal $25 00. Coffee—Spot Rio easy; No. 7 invoice 6¾c; mild—market quiet; Cordova 9¾@13¼. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test 4⅜c; molasses sugar 3⅜c; refined quiet.

CHICAGO, December 21.—Wheat was fairly active to-day, and May, under the sustaining influence of firm cables, light Argentine shipments, moderate receipts and the heavy flour demand, closed ½c higher. Corn closed ½@⅝c lower in May 1½c down in December. Oats closed unchanged and provisions 2½@5c depressed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Cash quotations: Flour dull, unchanged. Wheat—No 3 spring 66@70¾c; No. 2 red 71¼@74¼. Corn—No. 2, 38¼c. Oats—No. 2 23¾c; No. 3 white 25½@25¾c; No. 3 white 24¾@25¾c. Pork, per barrel, $11 12½@11 25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 92½@6 95. Short rib sides, loose, $6 25@6 50. Dry salted shoulders, $5 87½@6 12½. Short clear sides, boxed $6 65@7 75. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 25.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 69¾, 70¼, 69¾, 69¾@70c; January 70¼@70¾, 70½@70¾, 70½, 70¼@70¾c; May 73¼, 73¾@73¾, 73¼, 73@73½c. Corn—December 39¾@40¼, 40¼, 38, 38¾; January 36¾, 36¾, 36¾, 36¾c; May 36@36½, 36½, 35⅞, 35⅞@36c. Oats—December 21½, 21½, 21¾, 21½; January 21⅞, 21⅝, 21¾, 21¾c; May 23¾, 23¾@23¾, 23¾, 23¾. Pork, per bbl—January $12 20, 12 20, 12 20 12 20; May $12 12½, 12 12½, 12 10, 12 12½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $7 20, 7 20, 7 17½, 7 17½; January $6 85, 6 87½, 6 82½, 6 83½; May $6 90, 6 90, 6 90, 6 90. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 30, 6 30, 6 27½, 6 30; May $6 35, 6 35, 6 35, 6 35c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, December 21, 4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot, small business; prices 3 3-32d higher; American middling fair, 5 29-32d; good middling 5 19 32d; middling 5½d; low middling 5 5-16d; good ordinary 5 5 15-16d; ordinary 4 13-16d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 300 bales were for speculation and export and included 5,300 bales American. Receipts 7,000 bales, all American.

Futures opened firm and closed steady. American middling (l. m. c.) December 5 25 64@5 26 64d seller; December and January 4 23-64d seller; January and February 5 20 64@5 21-64d buyer; February and March 5 18 64d seller; March and April 5 15-64@5 16 64d seller; April and May 5 13-64d seller; May and June 5 10 64d buyer; June and July 5 7 64@5 8 64d buyer; July and August 5 5-64d buyer; August and September 4 54-64@4 55-64d buyer.

Tenders for delivery at to day's clearings were 300 bales new dockets.

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Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, James Madden.

Barge Carrie L Tyler, 538 tons, Jones, Charleston, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

Nor barque Victor, 614 tons, Ostrik, Savannah, Heide & Co.

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Chas Loring, 525 tons, Blatchford, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BARGE.

Carrie L Tyler, 538 tons, Jones, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—391 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 72 barrels rosin, 12 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—1 casks spirits turpentine, 66 barrels rosin, 83 barrels tar, 43 barrels crude turpentine.

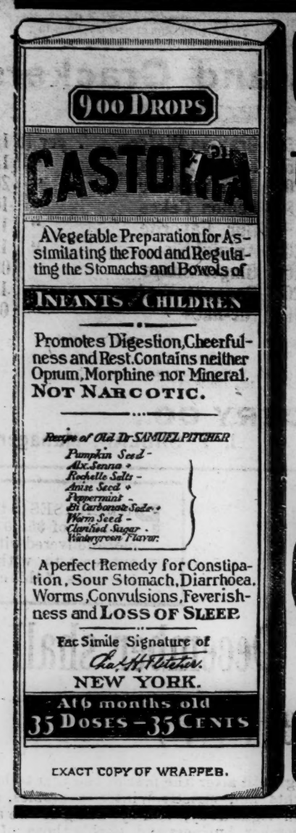
A. & Y. Railroad—123 bales cotton, 19 casks spirits turpentine, 80 barrels rosin, 210 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & N. Railroad—123 bales cotton, 14 barrels tar.

C. C. Railroad—2 casks spirits turpentine, 82 barrels rosin, 24 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer W. T. Daggett—8 casks spirits turpentine, 51 barrels tar, 86 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Driver—1 bale cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 455 barrels tar, 10 barrels cr



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"Months later the shopkeeper was paralyzed when he received a letter from one of them extending the information that the picture he had parted with for $5 was an etching on copper, I think, by Hogarth, which had long been missing. It had been sought for the world over, for it was the only one missing from a set of ten, which enhanced its value. They then told the worthy man what they had got for it—a fortune in those days—and it was a long, long time before he laughed again."—New York Tribune.

Wallack on the Ballet.

The late Lester Wallack once told a story of his still more famous father, James W., that as either an actor or a manager he could never tolerate the ballet, even where it was seemingly necessary according to custom as part of an entertainment or in the opera.

One day there came to him a friend, a man about town, who said, "My dear Wallack, it is very curious that you do not see the beauties of imagination shown by the poses of the ballet." Going on in this strain the visitor at last wore out the patience of the actor-manager, who replied:

"Look here, it is bad enough to stand these absurdities in an opera; but, though I can comprehend people singing their joys, I am hanged if I can their dancing their griefs."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Raising the Hat an Ancient Salutation.

When a knight of old entered a company of ladies, he removed his helmet to indicate that he considered himself among friends and that there was no need to protect himself. This practice has survived in the custom of raising the hat when saluting a lady.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Two Indorsements.

"I'll have to ask you to take back this parrot," said the domestic looking man. "He swears."

"Much?" asked the dealer.

"Well, my wife and her mother say he swears dreadfully, and her kid brother says he swears beautifully. Would you call that much?"—Indianapolis Press.

The Star Boarder's Plan.

Mrs. Feedem (to star boarder)—Could you suggest any improvement in my menu?

Boarder—Well, you might try the experiment of transferring the respective qualities of the coffee and the butter.—Baltimore American.

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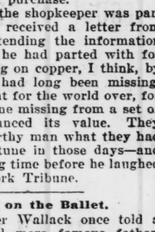

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This 30th November, 1900.

M. F. CROOM,
Administrator David D. Southerland.

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GOT HIS DISCHARGE.

A MARINE CORPS RECRUIT WHO HAD NERVE AND USED IT.

As a Result, He Went to the Mediterranean Station as an Officer Instead of Serving as a Private For the Term of His Enlistment.

The extreme difficulty encountered by an enlisted man in the marine corps who wants to get out of the service without deserting before his enlistment is up is well known. An enlisted man in the sea soldiers must have pretty influential friends with Washington connections in order to do this, but there are exceptions. Here is the story of one of the exceptions:

He was an accomplished young chap from New Orleans. He came to Washington a number of years ago to take an examination for surgeon in the regular army, but he got on a spree shortly after his arrival here, and when he came to the examinations they were all concluded, and he was in that condition of financial collapse known as flat broke. So he enlisted in the marine corps at the Washington barracks of the sea soldiers' outfit. He enlisted under the name of Dunbar, a name which he subsequently changed to his right one. He belonged to a prominent New Orleans family. The young man had graduated with high honors in medicine after taking his A. B. at the University of Virginia, and he was an all around finished proposition. His idea in enlisting in the marine corps was that he might have a chance to get an apothecary's billet in the navy. Now, a naval apothecary was at that time a chief petty officer in the navy proper, and naval apothecaries are not created out of sea soldiers. They are shipped as apothecaries, and they have no connection whatsoever with the marine corps. The young Louisianian didn't know this, however, and so he "took on" as a buck private in the marines. He had hardly drawn his first government straight uniform as a sea soldier before he found out that as a marine he had no show in life ever to become an apothecary—that he was dished to do marine's guard duty for the balance of his enlistment.

The outlook seemed pretty gloomy to the young man from New Orleans, but he didn't lose his nerve. He calmly decided in his own mind that he'd become a naval apothecary anyhow without deserting, marine or no marine. He did some corresponding with some friends in New York, and he found out that a ship at that yard about to start on a Mediterranean cruise, needed an apothecary. So he sat down and wrote to the surgeon of that ship, applying for the billet, inclosing credentials as to his ability, but without stating that he was already enlisted in the marine corps. If he had done that, the surgeon, appreciating the difficulty of getting an enlisted man out of the marine corps, wouldn't have paid any attention to his application. As it was, however, the surgeon answered the young Louisianian's application promptly, informing him that he'd probably do if he could pass the physical examination and suggesting that he run over to the Brooklyn navy yard to be looked at and sized up. Running over to the Brooklyn navy yard sounded all right, but marines can't run anywhere without orders.

"Well, I guess I'll just nail that apothecaryship anyhow," said the young man to himself, and, rigging himself up in his best uniform, he called upon a marine officer who had taken a sort of interest in him and told him the case—how he had a chance to slip into the chief petty officer's uniform of an apothecary; how, of course, he'd have to have his discharge as a marine in order to try for the billet, and so on.

"Out of the question," said the marine officer. "You can't get your discharge."

The young man took the matter higher in the marine corps, but it wouldn't do. He was sat down upon and regarded as a pretty nervy chap to ask for his discharge from an outfit in which he had only served for a few weeks.

"All right," mused the young man. "Now I'll go to the boss of the whole works and see what he says."

So he got himself up spick and span again, asked for an afternoon's leave and walked down to the navy department. He had to walk because he hadn't drawn any pay yet. He was a pretty fine looking marine, but fine looking marines don't cut much of a figure in the corridors of the navy department. Even the colored messengers at the doors grinned at him, and when he calmly announced that he wanted to have a little heart to heart talk with Mr. Whitney, who happened then to be the secretary of the navy, he came near being shunted out of the building. The messengers figured that he was drunk and dangerous. However, he finally ran the gantlet of all the messengers and all the private secretaries, stenographers and door blockers who barred his way and found himself in the presence of Secretary of the Navy Whitney. The latter looked up at him curiously. It is not often that a secretary of the navy is addressed by a buck private in the marine corps.

The young man in the marine's uniform saluted the secretary and sat down when he was courteously invited to do so. Then he up and told Mr. Whitney his little story. He had sort of bunkoed himself into the marine corps, he said, and he had a chance to do better for himself. He was tied, however, by the fact that he was already an enlisted man. Could the secretary see his way clear to letting him have his discharge from the marines?

"Give this man his discharge at once," the secretary wrote on a piece of paper, and the young Louisianian took it to the commandant of marines. It wasn't liked a little bit, that method of the young man from New Orleans, because it looked like deliberately jumping over too many high heads, but it went. It had to go.

With his discharge in his pocket the young man walked into the barracks and packed up his things. He dug up the price of the ride to Brooklyn that same afternoon, and the next morning he appeared before the surgeon whose ship needed an apothecary. In just 24 hours from the time he had talked with Mr. Whitney he was walking the deck, a chief petty officer, with the silver eagle of his rate on his arm, of a ship that was already coaling up for a charming voyage on the Mediterranean station. It was a case of cold nerve on the young man's part, and the cold nerve won him out.—Washington Star.

Coffins in Russia are never covered with black. If the deceased is a child, pink is used; if a woman, crimson, though for a widow they use brown.

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Complete Extinguishment.

Rupert—It was a strange case! He left the club one night to go to the opera and was never seen or heard of afterward.

Harold—Disappeared as completely as if the earth had opened and swallowed him up, eh?

Rupert—More so, if possible. In that case he might have left his hat above ground or there might have been a crack left to show where he disappeared, but this fellow, mind you, disappeared as completely as if he had married an authoress.—Puck.

He Played.

A stage manager of varied experience tells of a rehearsal of the orchestra in a small town. He tried hard to bring the rural musicians into line and succeeded fairly well except with the man who played the flute. Finally the stage manager became desperate and exclaimed:

"Look here, my friend, you stay out of this. You're no good, and you can't play."

The flute man calmly looked up and made reply:

"If I don't play, you don't. I'm the mayor of the town, and I won't give you a license."

Couldn't Understand It.

New Consumer—How do you measure gas?

Gas Clerk—By the foot, sir.

New Consumer—But our gas is never turned up over three inches.—Philadelphia Record.

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The giant ant eater of Venezuela is one of the most outlandish looking creatures in all the domain of nature. It is an animal about 2½ feet high. The body and tail taken together measure about seven feet in length. The tail is usually carried curved over the back, draping and shading the body. In appearance the bushy tail may be likened to a clump of ornamental grass. The head is very small, but it is prolonged into a snout a foot or more in length. The mouth is at the extremity of this snout.

The ant eaters belong to that group of the animal kingdom known as the edentates, a class usually toothless. If they have any teeth at all, they are very few in number, of a rudimentary or simple form, in the back of the head. They resemble in this respect birds, and they furthermore bear a resemblance to the bird creation in the possession of a muscular gizzard-like stomach. One feature of the edentates is that they all have some peculiarity in the covering of the body. The armadillo, for instance, has a shell of armor, the pangolin a series of shinglelike scales, the aard vark, native to the Transvaal, a piglike skin, scantily covered with hair, and, lastly, the ant eater, with a bushy tail and the body plentifully covered with hair.

The ant eater is in many ways unlike other animals. The most strikihg dissimilarity is in its mouth, which does not open and shut with an up and down movement of the lower jaw, as that of all other quadrupeds, but it is a mere aperture, opening only enough to admit of the passage of the foot long, whiplike tongue.

In captivity the ant eater is fed on bread and milk. In its native haunts, the forests of South America, it feeds exclusively on termites, or, as they are commonly called, white ants. These termites abound in the wilds of tropical America, and the ant eater tears open with its sharp fore claws their conical mud nests and with its slender tongue licks up the inmates out of every nook and crevice.

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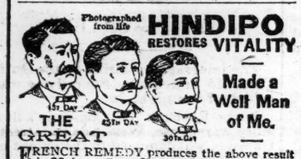

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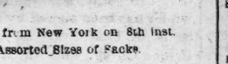

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TRAIN 41 Leaves Wilmington at 3:05 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:14 P. M., Pembroke 5:35 P. M., Maxton 6:06 P. M., Hamlet 7:05 P. M., Wadesboro 8:15 P. M., Monroe 9:20 P. M., Charlotte 10:20 P. M., Athens, Ga., 3:43 A. M., Atlanta 6:05 A. M.

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TRAIN 38 Leaves Hamlet at 8:20 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:21 A. M., Lumberton 9:58 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon. This train takes passengers at Hamlet from train No. 31 (Florida Limited) leaving Richmond at 10:40 P. M. and arriving at Hamlet at 6:35 A. M.; from train No. 403 leaving Norfolk at 9:30 P. M., arriving at Hamlet at 7:10 A. M.; from train No. 38 leaving Atlanta at 9:00 P. M. and Charlotte at 5:45 A. M., arriving at Hamlet at 7:45 A. M.

Other trains arrive at Hamlet as follows: Train 402 from Atlanta, Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton, Charlotte and Monroe at 9:37 P. M.; train No. 41 from Portsmouth at 7:10 P. M.; train No. 37 from Richmond and points North at 10,27 P. M.; train No. 44 from Columbia and points South at 9 40 P. M., and train No. 66 from Columbia and points South at 9 00 A. M.

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DAILY 7.00 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.36 P. M., Warsaw 8.43 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.23 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 3.23 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.20 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M., Marion 6.49 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9 12 P. M., Columbia 10.35 P. M., Denmark 5.55 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 2.45 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.10 A. M., Tampa 6.45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.00 P. M., New York *2.25 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 8.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.48 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.22 P. M., Magnolia 4.33 P. M.

DAILY 9.20 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 8 55 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.12 P. M., Richmond 6.50 P. M., Petersburg 7.23 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.05 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 8.15 A. M. Leave Wilson 5.57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.38 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.32 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Due Tampa 9.50 A. M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.20 P. M., Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.55 P. M., Florence 9.35 A. M., Marion 10.25 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M. No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.05 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.50 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

Daily except Sunday.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.05 A. M. Maxton 9.15 A. M., Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Hope Mills 10.15 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.45 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.12 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8 17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 18 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.17 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.07 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.39 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 6.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leave Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 5.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 30 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 6.03 A. M.; leave Smithfield, N. C., 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.50 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 8.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.50 A. M., 2.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.30 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.20 A. M., 4.35 P. M., Nashville 11.45 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M. 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.25 P. M. Retur

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 22.

DEWET'S BOLD MANŒUVRE.

How He Escaped from the Encircling British Columns, Cutting His Way Through the British Army.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BLOEMFONTEIN, December 20.—The details of General DeWet's escape from the encircling British columns show that it was one of the boldest incidents of the war. When Haasbroek's command joined DeWet December 12, some fifteen miles east of Thabanchu, General Knox was only about an hour distant, and the Boer situation appeared desperate. But DeWet was equal to the occasion. Dispatching Haasbroek westward, to make a feint at Victoria Nek, DeWet prepared to break through the British columns at Springhaau Nek pass, about four miles of broad, flat, unbroken ground. At the entrance were two fortified posts, while artillery was posted on a hill eastward watching the Boers. Suddenly a magnificent spectacle was presented. The whole Boer army of 2,500 men started at a gallop, in open order, through the Nek. President Steyn and Peit Fourie led the charge and DeWet brought up the rear. The British guns and rifles boomed and rattled incessantly. The Boers first tried the eastward route, but encountering artillery they diverged, and gallopped to the front of the hill to the westward, where the fire of only a single post was ineffective. The whole manœuvre was a piece of magnificent daring and its success was complete, in spite of the loss of a 15 pounder and twenty-five prisoners.

The British force detached after Haasbroek came in contact with his commando at nightfall. The burghers were scattered, and the Welch yeomanry galloped among the retreating boers, using their revolvers and the butt ends of their rifles with great effect.

An incident of the fight was the gallop of a British ammunition wagon right through the scattered Boers, the gunners using their revolvers freely.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

No Business Transacted by Either Body. The Death of Congressman Wise Announced in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—No business was transacted by the Senate today. News of the death of Mrs. William P. Frye, wife of the President pro tem. of the Senate, was conveyed officially to the body, and out of respect to her memory immediate adjournment was taken until January 3rd, 1901.

Senator Fairbanks, (Indiana) called the body to order. Dr. W. H. Millburn pronounced a beautiful invocation in which he feelingly referred to the demise.

The secretary then read a letter from Senator Frye appointing Senator Fairbanks presiding officer during his absence from the Senate. The reading of the journal was suspended, and at 12:05 P. M. the Senate adjourned until January 3rd, 1901.

House of Representatives.

The House was in session only twenty five minutes to day, when it adjourned in respect to the memory of Representative Wise, of Virginia.

Mr. Jones, Virginia, who announced the death to the House, offered the customary resolutions, which were adopted, and the Speaker appointed a committee of seventeen to attend the funeral. Then at 12.35, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the House adjourned until January 3, 1901.

For the Week Ending Friday, December 21st, 1900.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 21.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending December 21, 1900:

	1900.	1899.
Net receipts at all U. S ports during the week	265,959	217,638
Total receipts to this date	4,227,766	3,711,215
Exports for week	148,175	149,064
Total exports to date	2,931,133	2,393,554
Stock in all U. S. ports	986,578	1,119,225
Stock at all interior towns	766,384	804,389
Stock in Liverpool,	542,000	703,000
American afloat for Great Britain	314,000	166,000

SERIOUS SHOOTING AFFRAY

In Which Four Prominent Citizens of Florida Were Engaged.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TALLAHASSE, FLA., Dec. 21.—According to news received here, a serious shooting affray took place at Sopchoppy, Wakulla county, last night. Four men were engaged, State Senator W. C. Rouse, Edgar Nims, W. E. Edwards and Frank Walker. It is said that the trouble was caused by an attempt to settle some business affairs. Dr. Gwynn, of Tallahasse, was taken to the scene of the shooting on a special train.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT. †

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1900: Galveston, 1,151,869, bales; New Orleans, 1,385,983; Mobile, 97,979; Savannah, 652,982; Charleston, 176,933; Wilmington, 313,019; Norfolk, 244,474; Baltimore, 234,115; New York, 46,845; Boston, 106,679; Newport News, 16,160; Philadelphia, 10,215; Brunswick, 42,137; Pensacola, 46,881; Sabine Pass, 57,179—Total 4,227,766 bales.

Editor's Awful Plight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca (Ills.) *News*, was afflicted for years with Piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest Pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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CHINESE PEACE PRELIMINARIES.

A Pronounced Hitch in the Negotiations of the Ministers in Pekin.

JOINT NOTE NOT YET SIGNED.

Chinese Believe There Will Be Long Delay—Distrust Some of the Powers. United States Desirous of Maintaining Integrity of Empire.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 21.—A representative of the Associated Press was informed at the Foreign Office to-day that the joint note of the Powers, which has been signed by all the ministers at Pekin will be presented to Prince Ching, and Li Hung Chang immediately. The text will be published as soon as it is delivered.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The State Department to day instructed Mr. Conger, at Pekin, to sign the agreement, which, according to Pekin advices, already has been signed by all of the other ministers at the Chinese capital. This instruction is sent with some reluctance because the agreement as it now stands does not completely represent the views of the United States government. But it is believed to be the most favorable compromise that could be reached unless the negotiations are to be drawn out to a dangerous length, for all reports indicate a growing spirit of unrest in China, owing to the absence of any form of native government in Chili and the adjacent provinces. So the United States accepts the "irrevocable" condition imposed upon the Chinese government, though, after all, this expression is rather a matter of form than of substance, for diplomacy knows no such thing as an "irrevocable" agreement. As to the British agreement that the occupation of Pekin and China is to continue until China has given satisfactory proofs of her intention to comply with the conditions laid down in the agreement, it is stated that this will not affect the status of the United States. Mr. Conger has, by direction of his government, notified the other ministers that the United States forces will not again be called into China for the purpose of occupation, that nothing more than a legation guard is to be maintained by us, and the Powers have accepted this condition. It, therefore, is expected here, that the agreement will be signed before the current week.

Secretary Hay's action in instructing Mr. Conger to sign the joint note was approved by the cabinet at the meeting to-day.

The agreement signed at Pekin naming preliminary conditions to peace negotiations contains a demand for the severest penalties that China can impose in the punishment of the high officials believed to be responsible for the Boxer outrages. This refers particularly to the eleven prominent Chinese nobles whose names have been mentioned in the press dispatches as those whom some of the nations contended should be executed. Our government has persistently held to the position that penalties should not be inflicted on the Chinese government which she was unable to carry out. The demand for the death penalties was stricken out of the agreement and that for the severest penalties possible inserted.

The agreement probably will be made public here to-morrow if word reaches Washington that Mr. Conger has affixed his signature to it.

A Pronounced Hitch.

PEKIN, Dec. 21.—Once more there is a pronounced hitch in the proceedings. The preliminary joint note has not yet been signed. Mr. Conger, the United States minister, says he does not believe that there are sufficient reasons why it should not be signed in the near future, and Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister, takes the same view. Dr. Mumm von Swartzenstein, speaking for Germany, believes that the existing agreement will be signed sooner or later. The other ministers also say that they consider the probabilities in favor of signing.

Chinese sources of information, however, say there is reliable authority for the statement that there is very little chance of the note being signed for some time. As a matter of fact the members of the staff of Li Hung Chang believe that the note will eventually have to be drawn up either in Europe or America, probably the latter, because they claim that the Washington government had most to do with existing modifications of the various forms of harshness.

The United States are looked upon by the Chinese as the only Power really desiring to retain the integrity of the Chinese empire. The other Powers are regarded as desirous of breaking it up, with the possible exception of Russia, who, the Chinese think, merely favor a postponement in order to eventually secure a larger share.

Grave fears are felt regarding the health of Li Hung Chang, owing to a severe cold, that he caught on the day he visited General Chaffee. It is said that he is better to-day but there is a fear of pleurisy, which at his advanced age might be fatal.

It is generally believed that the Chinese get their information as to what is done at the meetings of the envoys through some one connected with the Russian legation.

A German Expedition.

BERLIN, December 21.—A dispatch from Field Marshal Von Waldersee, dated Pekin, December 19, says:

"Guendell's column, marching from Shan Hai Kuan, successfully encountered a force of Boxers December 14, at Yung Ling, near the eastern imperial tombs; fifteen Boxers were killed.

"One thousand Chinese regulars, under Fang Do Ling, have been driven out of Lu Tai. They fled to the mountains, northwesterly, on Guendell's approach."

Emperor En Route to Pekin.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—A dispatch from Tien Tsin to the Frankfurter *Zeitung*, dated to day, says:

"Prince Ching asserts that Emperor Kwang Su, unaccompanied by the Empress Dowager, left Sian Fu December 19 bound for Pekid.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The *Daily News* publishes the following from its Shanghai correspondent dated yesterday:

"Chang Cih Tung announces the receipt of an edict authorizing the opening of Wu Chang, opposite Han kow, to foreign trade. Wu Chang is the centre of an important trade and the terminus of the Canton railway."

"Chinese papers assert that the anti dynasty rebellion in the province of Kan Su is becoming serious and is likely to compel the court to depart."

LONDON, Dec. 22.—"The delay in signing the preliminary joint note," says the Pekin correspondent of the *Morning Post* wiring yesterday, "is due to an objection from Washington. Mr. Conger, however, has telegraphed

THE MOVEMENT OF COTTON.

Secretary Hester's Statement—Receipts, Stocks and Exports—The World's Visible Supply.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Secretary Hester's weekly Cotton Exchange statement, issued to day, shows for the twenty-one days of December an increase over last year of 224,702 bales.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 386,558 bales, against 320,436 for the seven days ending this date last year, and for the twenty-one days of December it has been 1,272,046 against 1,047,344 last year. The total movement for 112 days of the season, from September 1st to date, is 6,091,197 bales against 5,567,004 last year.

The movement since September 1st shows receipts at all United States ports 4 244,096 bales, against 3,715,867 last year. Overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada 618,251 bales, against 762,853 last year. Interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year, 693,094 bales, against 540,562 last year. Southern mill takings, 535,756 bales against 547,722 last year. Foreign exports for the week have been 150,003 bales against 175,213 last year.

Northern mill takings and Canada during the past seven days show a decrease of 33,690 bales, as compared with the same period last year. The total takings of American mills, North and South and Canada, thus far this year have been 1,557,521 bales, against 1,868,354 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading Southern interior centres have increased during the week 128,680 bales. Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 6,213,731 bales against 6,185,902 for the same period last year.

The Visible Supply.

Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows the total visible is 3,900,224 bales against 4,299,327 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,376,224, against 3,648,327 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, are 624,000, against 651,000 last year.

The world's visible supply of cotton shows a decrease compared with last year of 399,103 bales.

Of the world's visible supply there is now afloat, and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 1,704,000 bales against 1,902,000 last year In Egypt, 174,000 against 180,000 last year. In India 240,000 against 345,000 last year, and in the United States 1,782,000 against 1,973,000 last year.

SOUTHERN FREIGHT TRAFFIC.

The Classification Committee Made Many Changes at Session in Norfolk.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, Dec. 21.—The Southern Railways' Classification Committee, which has been in session at the Monticello hotel during the past week, concluded its labors to-day and adjourned for the quarter. This committee which is made up of forty members, practically comprises all the railroads and steamships engaged in Southern freight traffic, and their deliberations had to do with the classification of freight. The subject matter of their discussion being largely of a technical character, possesses little public interest other than its general effect on transportation of classified freight. While many changes covering over one hundred different subjects were made, the general classification of 1900 stands. Mr. P. J. McCowen is the president of the classification committee.

THE CUDAHY KIDNAPPING.

Location of the House Where the Boy Was Detained Established.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 21.—The result of twenty-four hours work on the part of the police of the city and half a hundred detectives, has established the location of the house in which Edward Cudahy, Jr., was held a prisoner for nearly two days. The house is located four miles from the city and in a place of easy access, but so situated as to allow the desperadoes ample opportunity to lay and cary out thsir plans without molestation from inquiring neighbors.

Pat Crowe, well known to the authorities here, is suspected as one of those connected with the kidnapping, and Chicago police officials say he left there for Omaha about two weeks ago and that several other well known characters in his set are kuown by the Chicago police to have gone to Omaha.

SCHOONER RUN DOWN.

Sunk by a Big Ocean Steamer--The Crew Made Narrow Escape.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 21.—A special from Portsmouth, Va., says:

"Cut down in the darkness by a big steamship, the little schooner Emblem, Capt, George B. Marshall, went to the bottom of Hampton Roads shortly before daylight this morning. The sailors reached the deck just in time to seize the dory, which was towed astern, and shivering, made their way to Old Point. The name of the vessel which struck them is unknown. The vessels of the North Atlantic squadron sent boats to the assistance of the shipwrecked crew."

DEATH OF HON. R. A. WISE.

Member of Congress from the Second District of Virginia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT NEWS, Dec. 21.—Hon. Richard A. Wise, Congressman from the 2nd Virginia district, died suddenly at his home in Williamsburg this morning. He had long been a sufferer from Brights disease. Dr. Wise was defeated for Congress in the last election by Hon. Harry Maynard. He was a son of the late Governor Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, and for many years had been a conspicuous

AN OPEN REVOLT IN CAPE COLONY.

There is Likely to Be Sharp Fighting There on An Extensive Scale.

SUCCESSFUL BOER TACTICS.

British Concentrating Troops--Reinforcements Rapidly Dispatched from England—The War Office Offering Inducements for Men.

By Cable to the Morning Star

LONDON, December 22.—"We understand that private reliable advices have been received in London," says the *Daily Mail*, "to the effect that virtually all the districts of Cape Colony in the vicinity of the Orange river are in more or less open revolt and that there is likely to be sharp fighting on a rather extensive scale, before the invasion is crushed. Tactics of the Boers in rallying as many as possible of the Dutch in the back country to their cause are proving successful."

From its Cape Town correspondent the *Daily Mail* has received the following:

"The second invading force was designed to occupy Britstown; but being checked by the Deaar troops, it has disappeared into the Ceadorberg mountains.

"An enormous concentration of troops is being made upon the veldt country occupied by the invaders, but it is not likely that the Boers will offer battle in large numbers.

There is a renewed demand for the wholesale proclamation of martial law."

British Reinforcements.

The War Office made the following announcement last evening:

"In view of the general position in South Africa the following reinforcements of mounted troops have been arranged. Eight hundred will start next week. Two cavalry regiments have been ordered to leave as soon as the transports are ready.

"The colonial police will be increased to ten thousand. Detachments will leave as fast as they are formed. Further drafts of cavalry will be dispatched at once. Australia and New Zealand have been invited to send further contingents.

"Three thousand extra horses, beyond the usual monthly supply, have been contracted for."

Martial Law Proclaimed.

CAPE TOWN, December 21.—Martial law will be proclaimed in Worcester, Wellington and Stellenbosch.

LONDON, December 21.—Secretary for War William St. John Broderick announces that in view of the prolongation of the war in South Africa, members of the Imperial yeomanry will be paid five shillings instead of one shilling and two pence per day. Militiamen are promised priority of return over regulars.

JOHANNESBURG, December 21.—The Boers attacked Zuufontien December 18th, but were beaten off.

A Fight at Thorndale.

CAPE TOWN, December 21.—General Brabant, commander of the newly raised colonial division, has been ordered to the front and will start to morrow.

At Thorndale, General French has routed 2,500 Boers with four guns and a pompon. Thorndale is sixteen miles northwest of Krugersdorp. The fight took place December 19th. The British had fourteen wounded and the Boers fled in disorder, with about fifty killed.

The Boers who invaded Cape Colony had in most cases pack horses in addition to those they rode. All were in the pink of condition. They commandeered all possible clothing and stores at Venterstad.

General Baden-Powell will start for the Transvaal to-morrow.

The Boers derailed a train at Barberton, killing an inspetor and others.

GOOD WORK OF LIFE SAVERS.

Rescued Four Men of the Schooner Jennie Hall—Captain of the Vessel and Two Men Drowned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CAPE HENRY, VA., December 21.—By telephone from Damneck station it is learned that the schooner Jennie Hall, which stranded eight miles south of Cape Henry at 4 o'clock A. M., will be a total loss. The captain and two men are drowned. The bodies are not yet recovered. Four men nearly died from exposure, but were rescued in the breeches buoy. One man still clung to the mizzen cross tree. Two life savers went off in the breeches buoy to save him, but being a large man and benumbed by cold, they could not lift him into the buoy. Notwithstanding the terrific surf, Captain Barco and his crew then launched the life boat. They went along side and put two men, Horatio Drinkwater and John O'Neal, on board the schooner. The life boat then came ashore leaving the two life savers on the schooner. Drinkwater and O'Neal succeeded in getting the sailor into the buoy, and he was hauled off safely, the two life savers following. One of the surf men was washed out of the life boat, but was rescued. The weather was rainy with a light fog and a northeast gale blowing fifty miles an hour.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

Appropriation for Cape Fear River at and Below Wilmington $140,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The River and Harbor bill was completed to night, and Chairman Burton gave out a statement showing the amounts appropriated. The total is approximately $60,000,000, of which about $23,000,000 is in direct appropriations and about $37,000,000 in the authorization of contracts for continuous work. Compared with former river and harbor bills the present one is the second largest on record, and after the Senate has added amendments, it is expected to be well up to, if not ahead of all previous records. The bill of 1900 carried $39,958,165 and that of 1897, which was the largest on record, carried $73,275,954. The appropriations and contracts over $25,000 include the following:

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SCHOONER N. H. SKINNER

Wrecked on Cape Henlopen—From Wilmington With Lumber—Crew Rescued by Life Savers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LEWES, DEL., December 21.—The schooner N. H. Skinner, Captain Wheatley, with lumber, from Wilmington, N. C., stranded early this morning on Cape Henlopen. The Lewes and Henlopen life savers rescued the schooner's crew of nine in the breeches buoy during a severe hail storm. The life savers first boarded the schooner with a life boat, but the captain and crew refused to leave, as the tug North America had arrived and run a hawser to the schooner and Captain Wheatley expected to be floated at high water. A northeast gale with hail set in, however, and the sea was soon making a clean sweep over the stranded vessel, compelling the crew to take to the rigging and signal for help. They were then landed in the breeches buoy.

LEWES, DEL., December 21.—An unknown three masted schooner is riding at anchor in a bad position near Hen and Chickens shoal off Cape Henlopen. A severe northeast snow storm has been sweeping the coast, the wind blowing thirty five miles an hour.

AN INSOLVENT BANK.

Receiver Appointed for the American National of Baltimore.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The comptroller of the currency to night appointed Mr. J. Frank Aldrich temporary receiver of the American National Bank of Baltimore, Md.

This bank, it is stated, has suffered a large shrinkage in deposits and has sustained some heavy losses, which have involved its capital and surplus and greatly reduced its cash resources. The condition of its assets is such that the loss to depositors will probably be small. At a meeting of the clearing house of Baltimore this afternoon it was decided that in view of the condition of the bank no further credit could be extended to it, and the comptroller being satisfied of a condition of insolvency a receiver was appointed.

WARM WIRELETS

The telegraphers' strike on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway was called off last night.

Sears, Roebuck & Company's five story warehouse, West Adams street, Chicago, was damaged to the extent of $50,000 by fire yesterday.

Former governor Roger Wolcott of Massachusetts, died at his residence in Boston yesterday. He had been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks.

A Newport News dispatch last night says: "A storm is coming up the coast. At Lee Hall, only eighteen miles from here, the snowfall was as heavy as any ever seen there."

Dr. J. Allison Hodges, of Richmond, Va., formerly of North Carolina, has been unanimously elected president of the University College of Medicine, to succeed the late Dr. Hunter McGuire.

The Chesapeake & Ohio liner Rapidan, which went aground in Hampton Roads Thursday afternoon, floated that night at high tide, and proceeded to Liverpool.

The Navy Department received a cablegram from Admiral Remey yesterday, saying that the cruiser Albany went aground in Subig Bay, but has been floated off. The extent of the damage to the ship is not stated.

Mr. William P. Frye, wife of the President pro tempore of the Senate, died very suddenly in Washington yesterday moring. Mrs. Frye suffered an acute attack of indigestion last Tuesday and has since been very ill.

The vessels of the North Atlantic squadron were storm-bound in Hampton Roads yesterday. The gale outside was severe, but in the sheltered inner harbor, while the wind was phenomenally high, no vessels dragged their anchors.

Henry Lewis, the alleged negro murderer of Marshal Richardson, of Gulf Port, Miss., has not been caught. The negro lynched was, it appears, a cousin of the alleged murderer and was wholly innocent.

Sternberg, the millionaire banker, who has been on trial for a long time, in Berlin, was found guilty of unnameable immoralties and sentenced to two and a half years imprisonment, with loss of citizenship for five years.

James Holden, a negro, was hanged at Accomack Court House, Va., for attempted rape on Virginia Clayton, a little white girl, about three months ago. He confessed his guilt and said he had been guilty of similar crimes before.

Total bank clearings at the principal cities of the United States for the week ended yesterday were $2,276,197,393; an increase of 0.1 per cent. over the corresponding week last year. Total outside of New York $176,346,437; or 1.6 per cent. increase.

Recorder Goff, of New York, sentenced Henry Zermer, one of the heads of a fraudulent divorce bureau, to ten years in State's prison, and James Holden, alias Frank Wilson, a professional co-respondent, to three years in State's prison.

A large English steamer, reported ashore on Elbow Reef, thirty-five miles south of Miami, Fla., is said to be the Mound Oswald. It is coal laden, and is being discharged by wreckers. The steamer probably will be saved.

The Supreme Court of Ohio has dismissed the cases brought by Attorney General Monnett, under the anti-trust laws of Ohio, against the Solar Refining Company, Ohio Oil Company, Buckeye Pipe Line Company, Standard Oil Company of Ohio, and the Continental Tobacco Company.

The military court of inquiry into the alleged brutal cases of hazing which are said to have caused the death of Cadets Booz and Breth, will not be able to finish its work this week. The remainder of the testimony will probably be secured by the end of next week.

Justice Colt, in the United States Circuit Court, Boston, Mass., decided in favor of the American Bell Telephone Company in the royalty suit brought by the Western Union Telegraph Company. The case is known as the stock-ticker case, in which the Western Union sought to recover $12,000,000 rentals or royalties.

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